



Windward Y'er

Bulletin of the Windward Y Service Club

Shoe Boxes, Toiletries Made a Busy Meeting

At the monthly club meeting on November 14th the Windward Y Service Club had an enjoyable time working on two of our annual non-YMCA community service projects — and we got some club business done too.

Targets for the night were packing shoe boxes for “Operation Christmas Child,” the international program for needy children conducted by the Samaritan’s Purse organization, and making those much liked gift packages of toiletries and other items as Christmas gifts for the women in a Kailua residence for abused spouses.

In addition, Jim Kanehira gathered unused greeting cards from members to take to women prisoners

in their correctional center in Kailua.

In all, we packed 21 boxes with gifts of toys, clothes, school supplies and fun items for Operation Christmas Child and 50 bags of toiletries for the spouse abuse center.

The kids’ boxes were ready just in time for the seasonal project. Members donated the items and the club pays \$7 per box to get them sent to young recipients.

As she does each year, Wendy-Tupper took on the task of delivering the boxes to a pick-up point.

In the business part of the meeting we donated \$500 to the Windward YMCA from the proceeds of our food service at this year’s YMCA family night. We also

firmed up arrangements for a dinner with member Don Scot who was visiting from North Carolina, put together a head count of 14 people going to the joint Christmas Party with the Nuuanu cub on December 8 and got the details sort out for our participation December 10 in the “:Brunch With Santa” fund raiser at Dole Cannery for Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii.

Overall, a busy meeting at our Y, but we all managed to get out by about 7:30 p.m.

**Next Meeting: Monday
December 12, 5:30 p.m.
Karla’s, house
Enchanted Lake**



A hive of activity! Above: Packing shoe boxes with gifts for needy kids in the Operation Christmas Child program. Right: Sorting and gift wrapping toiletries and other items for the women in an abused-spouse center in Kailua. All at our November 14 meeting.

Windward Y Service Club
2016/2017

Chartered April 5, 1980

President: Karla Redding
Vice president/Secretary:
Joe-Ann McCarthy
Treasurer: Donna Saito

Members: Kenneth Kadomoto,
James Kanehira, Leigh Ann
Landreth, Karel Ling, Makena Liu,
Marion Liu, Russ Lynch, Jack
McCarthy, Freda Nakamoto,
Donald Scott, Osamu Shoji,
Bill Stone, Gay Sulkey,
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Club Bulletin: Send items to
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We meet on the second Monday
of every month at 6 p.m. in the
Windward YMCA

Club Calendar

**December Regional Focus:
Christian Emphasis**
Regional Service Director:
Rick Lau, Central

December 8, Thursday, 6 p.m.
Pagoda Restaurant. Joint
Christmas Party with Nuuanu
Y's Men and Women.

December 10, Saturday, 9 a.m.
Brunch with Santa
Pomaikai Ballrooms at
Dole Cannery, Iwilei

December 12, Monday, 6 p.m.
Club monthly meeting
Windward YMCA.

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January 2017
Pick a Sunday for "YMCA
Sunday" and go to church.

January 9, Monday, 6 p.m.
Club monthly meeting
Windward YMCA.

**Our International Motto:
To acknowledge the duty that
accompanies every right.**

Party With Nuuanu Club Will Be Fun

Our club responded enthusiastically to an invitation to join in the Christmas Party to be held by NuuanuY's Men's and Women's Club on **Thursday December 8** in the La Salle room upstairs at the Pagoda Hotel in Honolulu. At least a dozen of our members signed up to join the wonderful and hospitable Nuuanu group for several hours of food and fun.

Mostly what we have to do is each bring a \$5-value gift package to go into a grab bag for sharing and bring the \$25 per person to pay for dinner, tips and taxes.

And there is one other requirement: Our Jim Kanehira must be the song leader.

Nuuanu President Maurice Shimonishi has passed along this additional information:

A great Christmas program has been arranged.

Payment of \$25 per person can be made there in cash or by check. Make checks to Nuuanu Y's Men's Club (which is the name of the checking account.)

Welcome and social at 6 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Parking is \$3 (with validation from the Pagoda) at Ross Dress for Less across the street from the Pagoda.

A great time is in store for all.

Regional News

Hawaii IPRD Gets Award

Bobby Stivers-Apiki has been recognized as Outstanding Regional Director among the nine regions of the U.S. Area of Y Service Clubs International. Bobby received the national Henry Grimes Award at the Hawaii Region mid-year meeting on November 19.

The award recognizes his service as Hawaii regional director for the two years 2014-2016. Henry Grimes was the first secretary of what was then called Y's Men International.

Bobby is a member of both the Hilo Y's Men and Women's Club and the Kaimuki Y Service Club. Now that he is immediate past regional director he has taken on running the club awards programs and he also now serves as co-chair of regional convention committee with Duke Chung.

U.S. Area News

Facebook Worth a Look

There are lots of news items and photos about the activities of clubs across the country in the Facebook page of the Y Service Clubs — U.S. Area. It's worth frequent visits. If you haven't been there lately check it out at:

<https://www.facebook.com/yserviceclubsUSA/>

International News

Publications Now Online

Y Service Clubs International now has its publications available online. You can view the latest IP eNews, YMI World and Youth World. (YMI stands for Y's Men International, the original name still in use in much of the world.)

The organization is still refining its new website but you can find these under "Publications" in the menu at the top right of the home page at:

<http://www.ysmen.org>

There's a lot of good reading to be had and much we can all learn about how our organization functions around the world..

For Your Amusement —

Harry prays to God: Dear Lord, please make me win the lottery. The next day Harry begs the Lord again: Please make it so I win the lottery, Lord! The next day, Harry again prays: Please, please, dear Lord, make me win the lottery! Suddenly he hears a voice from above: Harry, would you kindly go and buy a lottery ticket.



Work Day at the YMCA

Members took part in a work day at Windward YMCA on Sunday October 23, along with Y staffers and members and other volunteers, to clean up the branch and do some weeding and



Top: Wendy Tupper scrapes down seats along the side of big room. Above: Joe-Ann McCarthy and Russ Lynch put primer paint on a wall in the pool area. Left and below, Jim “Green Thumbs” Kanehira clears weeds and plants near the from entrance,

— Photos by Russ Lynch and Leigh Ann Landreth

See Leigh Ann’s article on the next page about an invitation to do a little more or just come on down and look at the work that’s been done.

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SAVE THE DATE!

81st Hawaii Region Y Service Clubs Convention



May 5 – 7, 2017
Marriott Courtyard Hotel
Kauai Island, Hawaii

Aloha Fellow Y's Men & Women. You are cordially invited to the 2017 Hawaii Region Convention- an experience of a lifetime... affordable & memorable. SAVE THE DATE for now and in November we will email and post on our website and Facebook the Convention Information & Registration Packet. E komo mai... come (a)loha! Mahalo, Eddie Niwa, Regional Director.



News From Our YMCA

By Leigh Ann Landreth
Executive Director, Windward YMCA

Greetings, Y Service Club Members! I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend and got to spend time with friends, family, and



loved ones. We have two events during the month of December that we would like to invite you to attend if your schedule permits.

Improving the Y: On Thursday-December 15th from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. and December 16th 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. we will be closing the Wellness Center to finish painting it and have some new strength equipment brought in (we hope the strength equipment will be delivered on time!) We know everyone is extremely busy over the month of December, but I would like to invite you to stop by the Y any time your schedule permits on Dec. 15th or 16th to see our progress and say hello to the staff team. If you would like to volunteer to paint for an hour or two on either day, we would love to have you join us at any time!

Youth and Government: Wednesday, December 28 from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. the YMCA of Honolulu teen Youth & Government Program will have its opening ceremonies at the Hawaii State Capitol, Senate Chambers.

This is a wonderful opportunity if you would like to witness a great YMCA program in action! Please RSVP by Friday, December 23rd. Use this link on the Internet to see an invitation with info on how to register:

<http://ysmenhawaii.org/YGinvite.pdf>

I look forward to seeing each of you over the month of December! Thank you so much for all you do in support of the YMCA!

All my best, Leigh Ann

Inspiration

His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. – 2 Peter 1:3-4 (NIV)

We are faced with a startling opportunity. We may think that we can't walk this Christian path, but Peter tells us that we have all of the resources that we need in his "very great and precious promises". When our circumstances cause insecurities and thoughts of despair to dance around our minds, God gives us a way out. We can escape this corruption by knowing God through Jesus Christ. How can we know God? By taking Him at His word! God has already provided for us and He is looking for people who will have the courage to replace their current thinking with God's faithfulness. Are you looking for the thoughts of God? The Bible is God's life support to us as we encounter a world of difficulty. by Dave Whitehead, Author of "Making Sense of the Bible"

Submitted by Marion Liu, Club Service Director, Christian Emphasis